

NEWS RELEASE

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CASE NUMBER: 07-10418
INCIDENT: Assault on a Police Officer
DATE AND TIME: Saturday, September 22, 2007 at 2:21 AM
LOCATION: Winchester Blvd. South of Newhall St.
SUSPECT: WMA, 25-35 years old, buzz cut hairstyle, blonde to reddish hair, light complexion, beige colored ACE bandage-type wrap on forearm. (See police artist sketch)



SUSPECT VEHICLE: Early 80s Ford dark colored pick-up truck with a dark colored camper shell, CA-2P64466 (stolen plate). The truck is described as having a loud exhaust.

DETAILS: On Saturday, September 22, 2007, at 2:21 A.M., Officer Mark Barry, a five year veteran of the Santa Clara Police Department, made a traffic stop on a pick-up truck that had been reported as suspicious. The traffic stop occurred on Winchester Blvd. near Newhall Street. While talking with the driver through the truck's open window, Officer Barry was sprayed in the face with a caustic chemical. The chemical substance temporarily incapacitated Officer Barry, causing him to have difficulty breathing and seeing clearly. While Officer Barry retreated from the pick-up, the suspect exited it and approached the officer. Officer Barry, believing his life was in danger, fired his sidearm at the suspect. The suspect got back into his truck and fled southbound on Winchester Blvd. at a high rate of speed. It is unknown if the suspect was injured. Officer Barry was taken to a local hospital by ambulance, where he was treated and later released.

The Santa Clara Police Department is seeking the assistance of the public in identifying and locating the driver of the pick-up. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Brian Gilbert at 408-615-4829. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may leave a message on the Police Department's tip-line at 408-241-9495.

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